

Defeating Spiritual Enemies Session 4 – Keep Your Armor On

I. Review

A. First Three Sessions

1. Session 1 – DEFEATING DISCOURAGEMENT
2. Session 2 – DEFEATING FEAR
3. Session 3 – DEFEATING THE VOICE OF THE ENEMY
 - a. David and Goliath
 - b. Goliath had a big mouth/loud voice
 - c. David had much opportunity to allow negative words to defeat him

II. Every Soldier Needs Armor

A. Saul gives David His Armor

1 Samuel 17:38-40 (KJV) – ³⁸And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail. ³⁹And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him. ⁴⁰And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

1. Saul knew that every soldier needs an armor.
2. David refused to wear Saul's armor because he had not proven it – tested it – *he did not know how it worked or if it would work.*
3. Saul's armor was designed to work in the natural world.
4. David was not planning to WIN this battle through natural means but by spiritual.
5. What armor did David take?
The majority of people will answer this question – “He took only five smooth stones and a sling”

III. David's Armor

A. The armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-17 (KJV) – ¹⁰Finally, my brethren, be strong in the LORD, and in the power of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. ¹³Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with **truth**, and having on the breastplate of **righteousness**; ¹⁵And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of **peace**; ¹⁶Above all, taking the shield of **faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. ¹⁷And take the helmet of **salvation**, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the **word of God**

1. Do not focus on the Roman soldier symbolism.
2. The armor is –
 - a. Truth
 - b. Righteousness
 - c. Peace
 - d. Faith
 - e. Salvation
 - f. Word of God
3. While there are distinct differences in the old and new covenant, the armor will apply in both!

B. David had on the Armor of God

1. David had:
 - a. Truth
 - b. Righteousness/Right standing with God/Covenant Access
 - c. Peace
 - d. Faith
 - e. Salvation/saved from lion/bear
 - f. Word of God
2. David fought and won the battle against Goliath using God's armor vs Saul's armor – God's armor vs Natural armor

IV. Understanding How God's Armor Works

A. God's Covenants and the Role of Knowledge

1. God's Covenants work through knowledge!
2. You cannot partake of what you do not know you have
3. You cannot use what you do not know how to use

B. What the Word of God says about Knowledge

Hosea 4:6 (KJV) – *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*

Isaiah 5:13 (KJV) – *Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.*

1. A lack of Knowledge =
 - a. Destruction
 - b. Captivity
2. Many people are destroyed or in captivity because of a lack of knowledge.

Proverbs 18:15 (YLT) – *The heart of the intelligent getteth knowledge, And the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge*

C. Put on the Whole Armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-11 (KJV) – ¹⁰*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the LORD, and in the power of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

1. When we are saved we have put on:

Righteousness, peace, salvation, truth, faith, word of God
2. Since Paul is speaking to those who are already saved, what does he mean by saying we need to “Put on”?

To put on the armor of God is to put on knowledge of these things!
3. The armor of God is knowledge of the Word of God
 - a. What he says about – salvation, righteousness, peace, truth, faith and the Word of God.
 - b. You can have limited knowledge of these, but not really know, perceive and understand these.

D. Knowledge in its Proper Use Wins Battles

1. Battles are lost due to a lack of knowledge.
2. A lack of knowledge about your armor (truth, righteousness, peace, salvation, faith, the Word of God) results in LOSS/Captivity and/or destruction.
3. David had on the whole armor of God.
4. How? David had covenant Knowledge.
5. David had knowledge about:
 - a. Salvation of God
 - b. Peace of God
 - c. Righteousness of God
 - d. Faith in God
 - e. Word of God
6. By putting on knowledge of these things – David was actually protecting himself and arming himself in preparation for victory.
7. The armor of God gave David victory!
8. The armor of God will give us victory!
9. Make sure you have your armor on.
10. How? Daily awareness
 - a. I have truth/The Word is truth. I consider truth above all else.
 - b. I have peace/Hold your peace/Don't allow it to be taken.
 - c. I have salvation/deliverance, preservation, safety, to save one suffering from disease, to make well, to heal, to restore to health, to preserve one from the danger of destruction, to rescue.
 - d. I have faith/Faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen – Hebrews 11:1.
 - e. I have the Word of God/The will of God/The Sword/Jesus used the Word to defeat the enemy!
 - f. Giving consideration to these DAILY

g. **Proverbs 4:20-23 (KJV)** – ²⁰*My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. ²¹Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. ²²For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. ²³Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*

11. Never be without your armor!

- a. I don't have to go searching for it. I am wearing it everyday through an active working knowledge of everything that God has given to me through covenant!
- b. How can you put on what you don't know you have?
- c. If you don't know about righteousness – righteousness isn't working for you.
- d. If you don't know about faith – faith isn't working for you.
- e. If you don't know about truth – truth isn't working for you.
- f. **John 8:32 (KJV)** – *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. If you KNOW it!*

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Put On =

- Getting to know
- Becoming Aware of
- Getting familiar with
- Acquiring a working knowledge of.